

## School Bus Danger Zones:

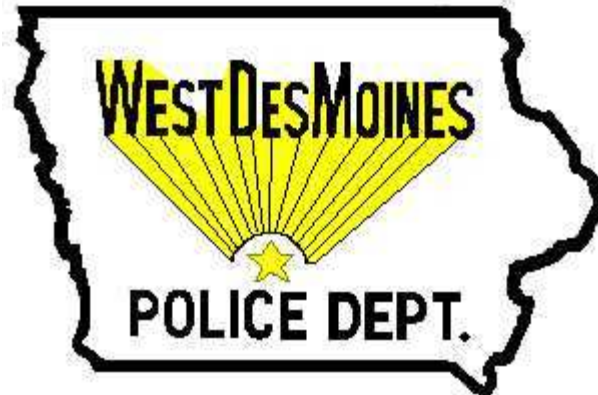
- Near the wheels
- Behind the bus
- In front of the bus,

### REMEMBER:

Always be sure to walk where you can see the driver and the driver can see you!



Help make your journey  
to and from school a  
safe one by following  
these safety guidelines!



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## School Bus Safety Guidelines



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## **Riding the school bus can, and should be, FUN!**

But there are rules that must be followed to make sure everyone stays safe before, during and after the ride!

### **Before you get on the bus:**

The first important thing you can do to ensure a safe journey to school, is to be sure you are **ON TIME!** Being late may cause you to run, and this could lead to falls and injuries. Being late can also result in others being late or even cause you to miss the bus altogether! Be sure to get your things ready the night before and to leave the house with enough time to make it to the bus stop *safely* and *on time!*



### **Waiting at the bus stop:**

When you are waiting for the bus, remember to stay back from the curb area. You should wait calmly, without pushing or shoving in the bus stop area. You wouldn't want someone to get knocked into the path of a car or the bus. When the bus arrives, you should be standing where you can see the driver and the driver can see you.

### **Getting on the school bus:**

As you see the school bus approach, remember to stay back from the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop, turns on its flashing lights and the doors are opened. A bus



is a large vehicle and it can be hard for the driver to see a small child. If you stay back, it is easier for the driver to see you. Once the doors have been opened and the driver has signaled for you to get in, be sure to do so without running or rushing. Use the hand rail and proceed to your seat safely.

### **Safety During the bus ride:**

Once you are in your seat, remember to face forward and stay seated for the entire ride. Keep the aisles clear at all times. Be sure to talk quietly along the ride, no yelling or screaming. You wouldn't want to distract the driver.



If you need to talk to the driver, wait for the bus to stop, raise your hand and call the bus driver's name.

Never throw things on the bus or out the windows. Keep your hands and objects inside the bus at all times.



### **Exiting the School bus:**

When getting off the bus, make sure you walk (not run) away from the bus. Stay away from the bus wheels and watch out for cars around the bus.

Once you get off the bus, go straight to your destination, whether it be home or school.

If you forget something on the bus, get the driver's attention before approaching the bus again. Be sure the driver knows you are needing to get back on to avoid being injured by a closing door or by the bus pulling away.

If you drop something close to or under the bus, you should alert the bus driver before attempting to retrieve it.

